

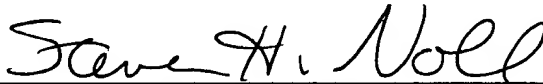
REMARKS

In the Office Action dated December 3, 2003, claims 8-12 were stated to be allowable if rewritten in independent form, and claims 1-7 were rejected based on the prior art.

By the present amendment, the subject matter of claim 8 (which includes the subject matter of original claims 5, 6 and 7 as well) has been embodied in independent claim 1, and claims 5-8 accordingly have been cancelled. The dependency of claims 9 and 10 has been revised in view of the amendments to claim 1, and new claim 13 has been added to specifically claim the first apparatus part as being an x-ray source and the second apparatus part as being an x-ray receiver.

In view of the indicated allowability of the subject matter of claim 8, all claims of the application are submitted to be in condition for allowance. Early reconsideration of the application is therefore respectfully requested.

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